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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

FROM: Office of the General Counsel
THROUGH: Executive Officer, [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: Jury Duty for Field Office Personnel

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1. The questions which you raised during our conversation on 30 January 1953 regarding instructions to be given field office personnel summoned for jury duty were informally discussed with [REDACTED] Chief of Security Control Staff. It was made entirely clear that your office was concerned only with possible security difficulties in the event members of your office selected for a panel were, in the course of a challenge, subjected to intensive interrogation concerning their work.

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2. [REDACTED] suggests that these general considerations be kept in mind. Where an answer of "U. S. Government" will suffice for the name of his employer, this is all that should be given. If the questioning is pressed as to which department or agency, he may say "CIA." If further pressed, he may go so far as to say, for example, that his general duties are as an "administrative officer" or "analyst". He should decline to furnish any details of his work on the ground of its classified nature. Within the limitations of the foregoing, it is felt desirable at all times to provide truthful answers. Where furnishing such answers would involve disclosure of classified information, as indicated, the prospective juror should respectfully decline to answer.

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1 - Executive Officer, [REDACTED]

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